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**Cruise Report
POSEIDON cruise POS 264**

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1. Aims of the cruise

RV POSEIDON cruise POS 264 was carried out by the Institut für Meereskunde of the University of Hamburg and staff from the Niels Bohr Instituttet for Astronomi, Fysik og Geofysik of the University of Copenhagen also participated.

The cruise had several objectives:

- to educate undergraduate students in the handling of oceanographic instrumentation and in the collection and analysis of field data,
- to map the cold overflow through the Faroe-Bank Channel from the Norwegian Sea into the Icelandic Basin and to study its short-time variability and
- to quantify the contributions of the water masses which are involved in the mixing of the overflow plume with its ambient water.

The planning and preparation of the cruise involved the participating students and was carried out during seminars, both at the Universities of Hamburg and Copenhagen. Following a review of the recent literature and an analysis of historical data the observational programme was designed. Hydrographic and current profiling stations were occupied along several sections crossing the overflow. Underway current profiles to a depth of about 300 m were collected with an ADCP and sea surface temperatures were measured with a thermo-salinograph, both installed in the ship's well.

The experiment was financed by the University of Hamburg.

2. Narrative

POSEIDON sailed from Tórshavn at 8:30 p.m. on August, 25, 2000, and set course for the first section at the southern entrance of the Faroe-Bank Channel. We arrived at the first station at approximately 3 a.m. on August, 26 where the CTD measurements were started. Station distance on this section was about 3 nm and the weather conditions allowed to proceed from station to station within half an hour. On the same day we occupied also section 2 at the central part of the Faroe-Bank Channel and on August, 27, during the afternoon, we finished our third section at the north western exit of the channel. These three sections gave us an insight in the amount of available overflow water and its mixing in the channel. At station 20, section 3, we were able to employ our 1ADCP for the first time, which was not running before, because of problems with the cable connection between the instrument and the computer.

To investigate, if cold overflow water is transported from the Wyville-Thomson Ridge through the trench between Bill Bailey's and Lousy Bank, we ran section 4 on August, 28 from $60^{\circ} 42' N$ and $11^{\circ} 10' W$ to $60^{\circ} 42 N$ and $11^{\circ} 50' W$, but we did not find any water masses colder than $3^{\circ} C$ there. The following section 5 from $60^{\circ} 42' N$ and $12^{\circ} 35' W$ to $61^{\circ} 22' N$ and $13^{\circ} 29' W$, which was run with a resolution of about 2.5 nm from August, 28 to August, 29, was carried out to test the hypothesis of an ageostrophic branch of the Faroe-Bank Channel overflow. A preliminary analysis of the hydrographic data does not support this suggestion.

Section 6 was also run with a high resolution, extending from $61^{\circ} 26' N$ and $13^{\circ} 25' W$ to $62^{\circ} 34' N$ and $12^{\circ} W$. The 24 stations of this section were run between the morning of August, 29

and the afternoon of August, 30. The preliminary analysis of this section showed strong traces of Labrador Sea Water, identified by a salinity minimum of 34.91 at a temperature around 3.8° C, just above the colder and more saline overflow plume.

After intensive discussions between the students and scientists onboard it was decided to proceed on this leg with a measurement programme for the study of the high-frequent variability of the overflow by repeating section 3 at the exit of the Faroe-Bank Channel as often as possible. We were able to run the section 4 times and the preliminary analysis showed that since we ran this section for the first time, about 2.5 days ago, the overflow had changed its plume height by about a 100m. Changes in the plume height from one to another repeat were also quite obvious, but not as strong as in comparison to the first run. Unfortunately, we lost our 1ADCP at station 91. It seemed that the self-securing screws of the fastening of the 1ADCP loosened and the 1ADCP slipped out of its rack.

On September, 1 at 6 p.m., the scientific work commenced and POSEIDON set course back to the port of Thorshavn where we arrived on September, 2 in the early morning. The students of the first leg left the ship shortly after our arrival for their homebound journey to Hamburg and Copenhagen.

The second leg of POSEIDON cruise POS 264 started at 8:00 p.m. on September, 3, only a few minutes after the second group of students from Hamburg and Copenhagen had arrived. After around 21 hours of steaming the first station of section 7 was occupied at the position 63° N and 13° 14' W. This was the most north-westerly section we ran in order to investigate the pathway and rate of mixing of the overflow water. The section was finished in the afternoon of September, 4 and we sailed about 15 nm to the east, for continuing the investigation with section 8 from 62° 10' N and 15° 20' E to 62° 40' N and 13° 32' W. This section was finished in the afternoon of September, 6. In the following, our intention was to run two further sections between section 8 and 6 and additionally, to repeat section 6. The high spatial resolution should enable us to resolve eddies within the overflow water which we expected to exist in this area based on observations on our previous cruises with RV VALDIVIA. However, the increasing heavy sea state conditions and the weather forecast forced us to stop the scientific work in this area and POSEIDON steamed back to the Faroe islands. There, we hoped, that the weather conditions would improve again, so that we can repeat section 3 and 2 for completing our investigations of the high-frequent fluctuations of the overflow plume. In the night of September, 6 we arrived at the Faroer archipelago but the weather was getting even worse and POSEIDON had to seek shelter north of the island Myggenes. Weather conditions remained bad during September, 7 and 8, and POSEIDON had to steam around the Faroe islands, always in shelter against the wind and the swell. Since the weather forecast did not promise a significant improvement of the sea state conditions in the working area for the next day we decided to go into the port of Tórshavn a day earlier than planned. On September, 9 in the late morning we arrived again in the port.

3. Cruise participants

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4. Technical information

CTD/Rosette

Altogether 134 full depth standard hydrographic stations were occupied during the cruise, employing a SeaBird SBE911plus CTD-O2 sonde, attached to a SeaBird carousel 12 bottle water sampler. Profiles were run to within 10-15 m of the bottom. At all stations water samples were taken from two depth levels (10 m depth and 20 m above the bottom). The water samples were analysed onboard for salinity, using a Guildline Autosal salinometer. One of the water bottles was also equipped with protected and unprotected reversing thermometers, providing temperature and pressure check values for the CTD sensors. No samples were taken to calibrate the oxygen sensor.

Lowered Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler

Vertical profiles of horizontal currents were made with a 154 kHz RDI lowered ADCP attached to the rosette water sampler, using the technique developed at the Institut für Meereskunde Kiel. Despite the large uncertainties of this method in the near bottom layer we obtained good results for the current structure in the overflow regime.

Surface temperature and salinity

Underway temperature and salinity measurements were made with a thermo-salinograph installed in the ship's port well.

Current measurements

Underway current measurements were taken with a RDI 154 kHz acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP), covering approximately the top 300 m of the water column. The transducers were installed in the starboard ship's well.

5. Preliminary results

Short term variability both in thickness and distribution of the overflow plume was detected at the exit of the Faroe-Bank Channel during the cruise (figure 2). The thickness of the overflow layer, defined by water colder than 3° C, varies up to 200 m in this region and the slopes of the isolerms also vary strongly.

Further to the west (sections 7 and 8) the relevant water masses (figure 3) are Modified North Atlantic Water, Labrador Sea Water and Norwegian Deep Sea Water whereas in the Faroe-Bank Channel the Labrador Sea Water is not existent (figure 4). Figure 5 shows the distribution of the 3 water masses for the sections 7 and 8. The overflow water can be seen in a very thin layer along the bottom slopes.

The preliminary results are presented on the web page: www.ifm.uni-hamburg.de/

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Figure 1: Location of hydrographic stations during POSEIDON cruise POS 264.

Figure 2: Potential temperature distribution of section 3.

Figure 3: T/S diagram of section 4 – 8.

Figure 4: T/S diagram of section 1 – 3

Figure 5: Distribution of water masses (in percentage) of section 7 and 8. MNAW: Modified North Atlantic Water, LSW: Labrador Sea Water, NSDW: Norwegian Sea Deep Water

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Station No.	Profile	Date	Time	Latitude	Longitude	Waterdepth	max pressure	DAB	LADCP
327	1	26.08.00	02:29	61 03.166 N	06 56.340 W	211	202	8	
328	2	26.08.00	03:21	61 03.123 N	07 01.936 W	256	239	12	
329	3	26.08.00	04:06	61 03.094 N	07 08.047 W	398	381	11	
330	4	26.08.00	04:55	61 03.021 N	07 13.958 W	623	601	9	
331	5	26.08.00	05:54	61 02.922 N	07 20.108 W	801	778	10	
332	6	26.08.00	07:01	61 02.850 N	07 25.638 W	861	829	20	
333	7	26.08.00	08:15	61 02.703 N	07 31.887 W	890	851	21	
334	8	26.08.00	09:23	61 02.974 N	07 38.053 W	927	884	23	
335	9	26.08.00	10:30	61 03.028 N	07 43.928 W	945	888	48	
336	10	26.08.00	11:50	61 02.947 N	07 49.914 W	623	579	30	
337	11	26.08.00	14:28	61 15.071 N	08 17.935 W	292	274	29	
338	12	26.08.00	15:12	61 17.423 N	08 14.113 W	470	464	9	
339	13	26.08.00	16:05	61 19.513 N	08 10.164 W	801	797	12	
340	14	26.08.00	17:02	61 21.701 N	08 06.024 W	834	793	11	
341	15	26.08.00	18:04	61 23.839 N	08 01.942 W	716	700	10	
342	16	26.08.00	19:07	61 25.916 N	07 57.936 W	490	467		
343	17	26.08.00	20:01	61 28.053 N	07 53.910 W	182	171	8	
344	18	27.08.00	00:58	61 59.910 N	08 54.968 W	436	430	26	
345	19	27.08.00	01:56	61 56.954 N	08 55.162 W	461	429	27	
346	20	27.08.00	03:28	61 54.330 N	08 54.965 W	505	497	8	
347	21	27.08.00	04:30	61 50.966 N	08 54.833 W	558	543	10	
348	22	27.08.00	05:25	61 47.935 N	08 54.902 W	648	630	13	
349	23	27.08.00	06:25	61 45.002 N	08 54.997 W	751	729	14	
349	24	27.08.00	07:34	61 41.948 N	08 55.077 W	868	832	9	
351	25	27.08.00	08:42	61 39.000 N	08 55.194 W	859	831	10	
351	26	27.08.00	09:53	61 36.006 N	08 54.973 W	815	811	9	
353	27	27.08.00	11:02	61 32.894 N	08 54.939 W	660	636	18	
354	28	27.08.00	12:05	61 29.959 N	08 55.134 W	494	467	17	
355	29	27.08.00	12:56	61 27.012 N	08 55.029 W	413	394	12	
356	30	27.08.00	13:54	61 23.990 N	08 55.126 W	355	338	9	
357	31	27.08.00	14:42	61 20.952 N	08 54.865 W	322	305	8	
358	32	27.08.00	22:53	60 42.051 N	11 09.888 W	599	582	19	
359	33	28.08.00	23:47	60 42.012 N	11 14.876 W	962	952	27	

360	34	28.08.00	00:52	60 41.979 N	11 19.888 W	1263	1240	19	X
361	35	28.08.00	02:05	60 41.935 N	11 24.895 W	1296	1274	19	X
362	36	28.08.00	03:33	60 41.883 N	11 30.176 W	1286	1284	9	X
363	37	28.08.00	04:46	60 41.989 N	11 39.185 W	1237	1228	12	X
364	38	28.08.00	05:56	60 41.917 N	11 39.951 W	1048	1058	8	X
365	39	28.08.00	06:59	60 42.024 N	11 44.982 W	760	753	19	X
366	40	28.08.00	08:00	60 41.892 N	11 49.894 W	616	599	20	X
367	41	28.08.00	10:50	60 41.928 N	12 35.044 W	592	571	30	X
368	42	28.08.00	11:40	60 43.970 N	12 38.041 W	702	686	12	X
369	43	28.08.00	12:37	60 46.078 N	12 40.956 W	858	845	13	X
370	44	28.08.00	13:36	60 47.974 N	12 43.973 W	1054	1037	13	X
371	45	28.08.00	14:40	60 49.949 N	12 47.019 W	1192	1186	6	X
372	46	28.08.00	15:48	60 52.002 N	12 50.012 W	1373	1372	10	X
373	47	28.08.00	17:05	60 54.017 N	12 52.928 W	1493	1483	10	X
374	48	28.08.00	18:25	60 55.975 N	12 55.986 W	1628	1621	10	X
375	49	28.08.00	19:49	60 58.053 N	12 58.976 W	1680	1661	1	X
376	50	28.08.00	21:27	61 01.966 N	13 04.013 W	1676	1656	1	X
377	51	28.08.00	23:04	61 05.970 N	13 08.987 W	1649	1639	30	X
378	52	29.08.00	00:41	61 09.997 N	13 13.993 W	1604	1586	20	X
379	53	29.08.00	02:21	61 13.949 N	13 18.997 W	1556	1543	10	X
380	54	29.08.00	03:59	61 18.008 N	13 23.995 W	1585	1572	24	X
381	55	29.08.00	05:34	61 22.014 N	13 29.008 W	1630	1631	12	X
382	56	29.08.00	07:38	61 25.985 N	13 25.120 W	1655	1643	26	X
383	57	29.08.00	08:47	61 29.929 N	13 21.086 W	1620	1609	20	X
384	58	29.08.00	10:24	61 33.977 N	13 16.957 W	1550	1530	18	X
385	59	29.08.00	11:57	61 38.053 N	13 13.046 W	1451	1441	8	X
386	60	29.08.00	13:19	61 39.843 N	13 10.981 W	1384	1367	18	X
387	61	29.08.00	14:37	61 41.926 N	13 09.054 W	1430	1420	9	X
388	62	29.08.00	15:55	61 43.941 N	13 06.950 W	1307	1309	9	X
389	63	29.08.00	17:10	61 46.059 N	13 04.418 W	1275	1271	12	X
390	64	29.08.00	18:20	61 48.053 N	13 03.025 W	1257	1254	8	X
391	65	29.08.00	19:34	61 50.058 N	13 01.157 W	1208	1191	9	X
392	66	29.08.00	20:42	61 52.014 N	12 59.061 W	1222	1206	9	X
393	67	29.08.00	21:51	61 54.065 N	12 57.144 W	1238	1228	9	X
394	68	29.08.00	23:06	61 55.802 N	12 54.707 W	1241	1226	11	X
395	69	30.08.00	00:37	61 57.961 N	12 53.104 W	1236	1223	10	X

396	70	30.08.00	01:51	61 59,890 N	12 50.948 W	1267	1246	12	x
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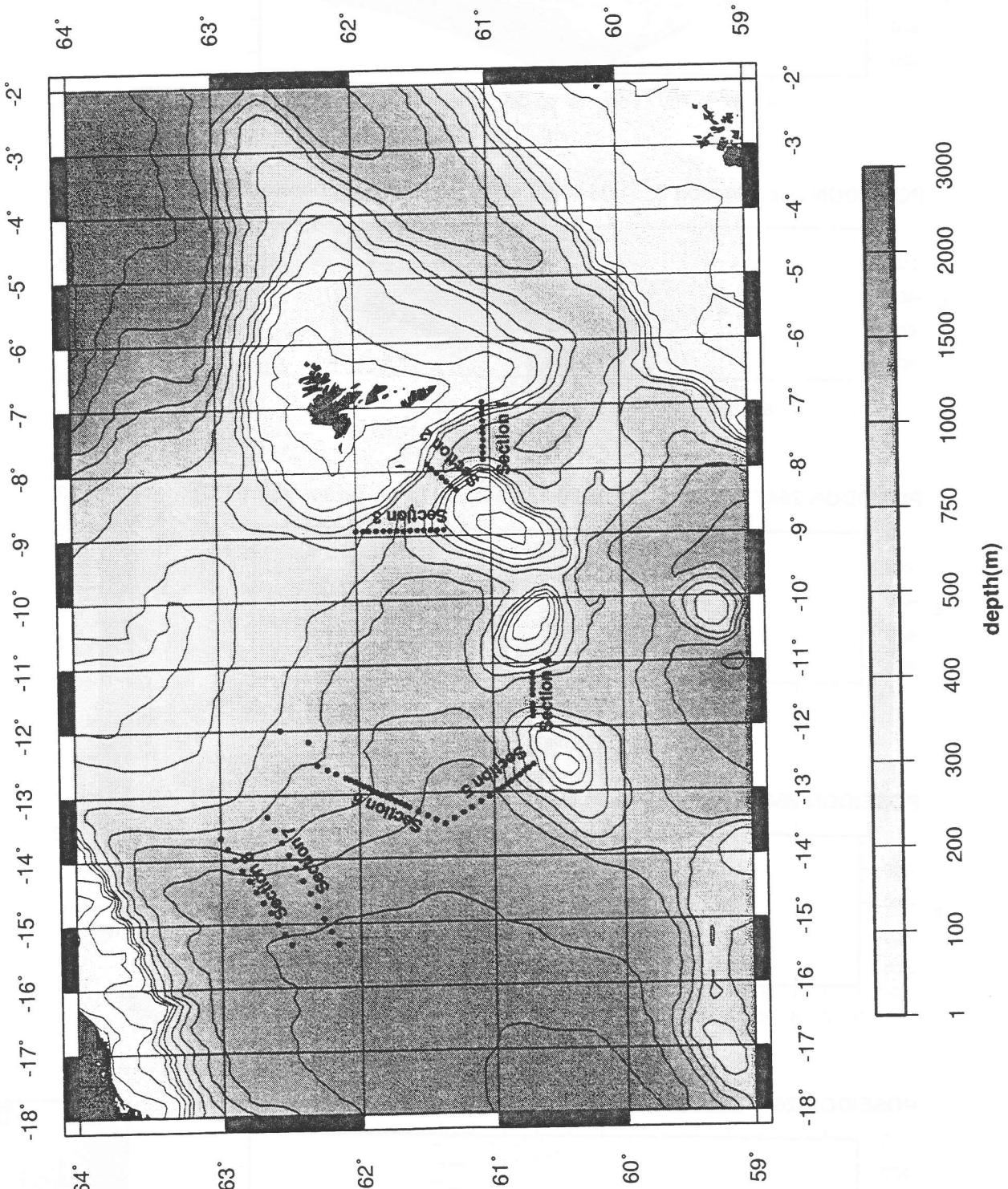


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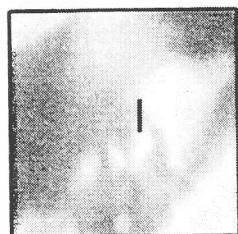
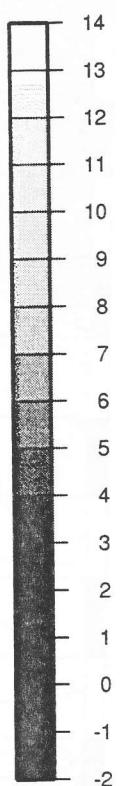
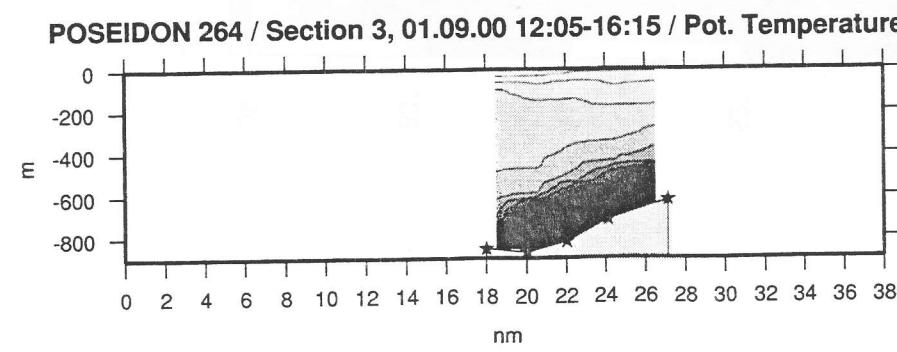
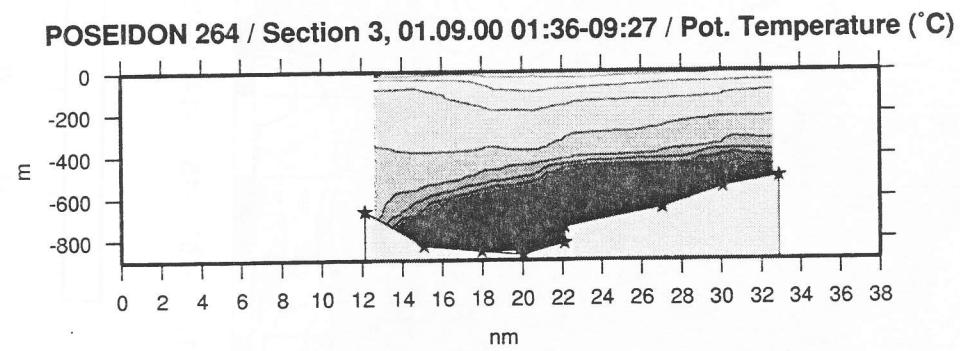
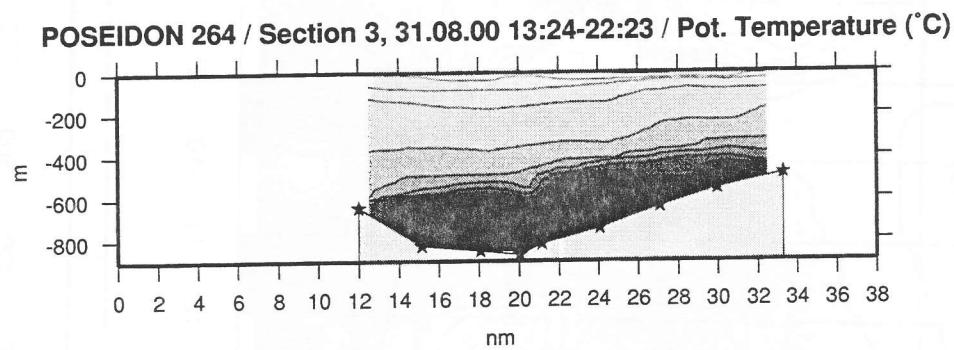
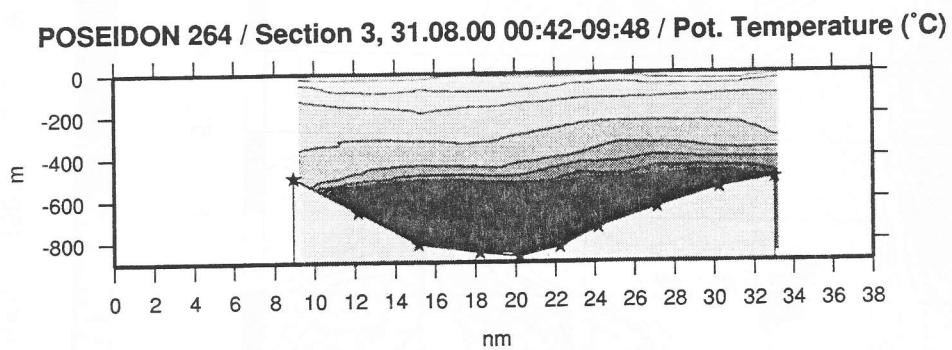
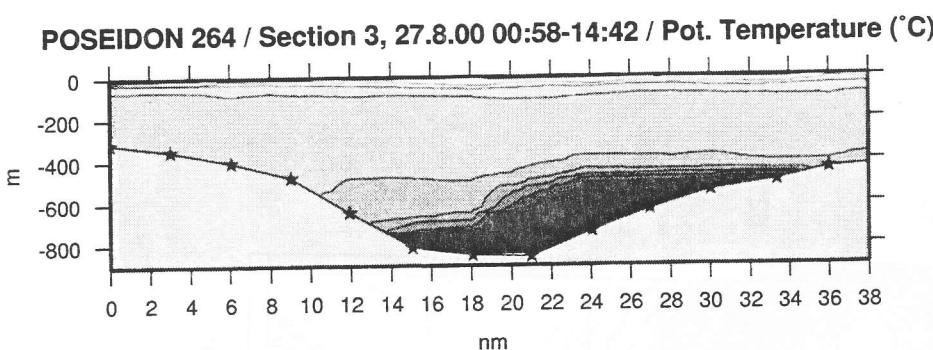


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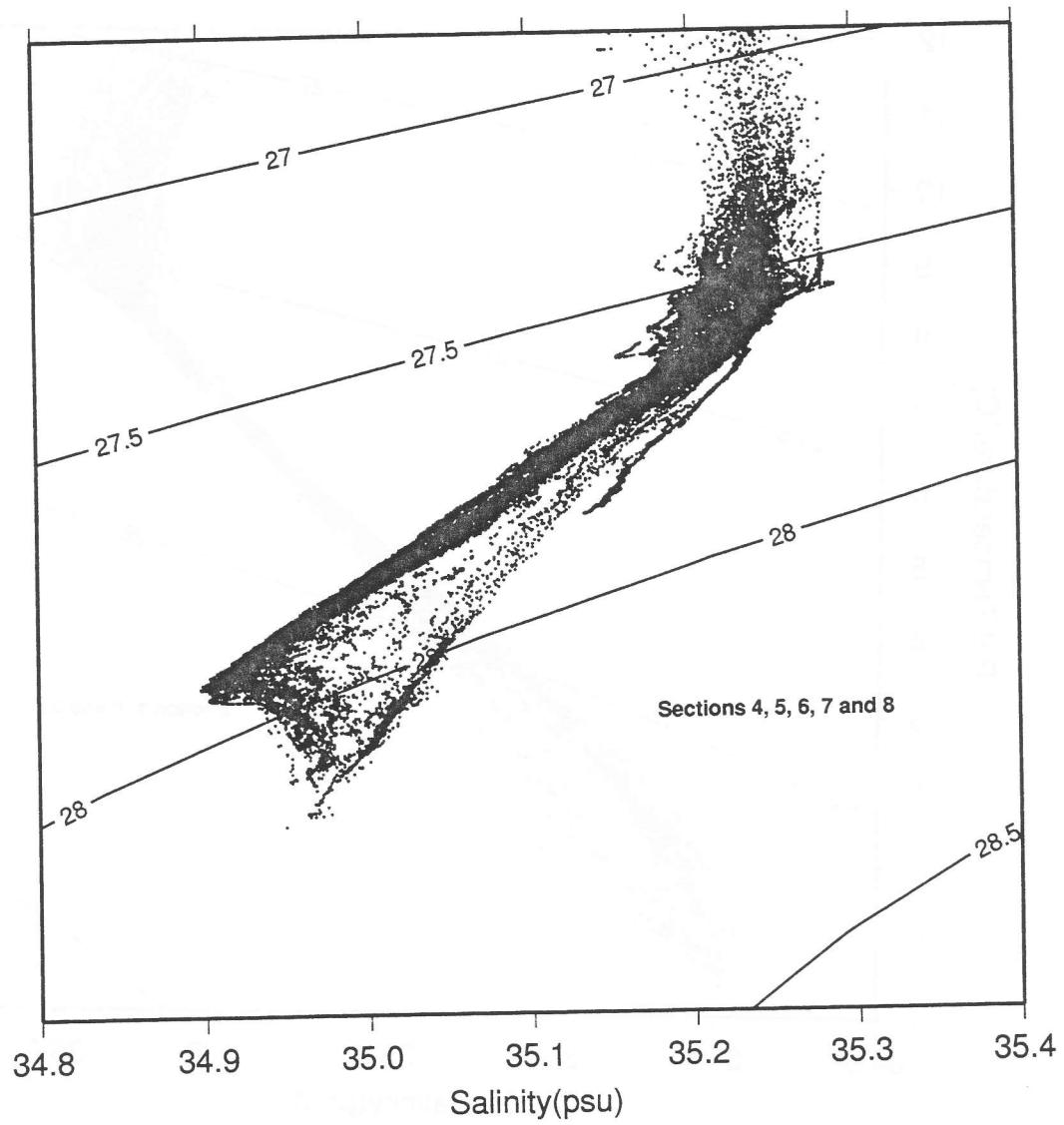


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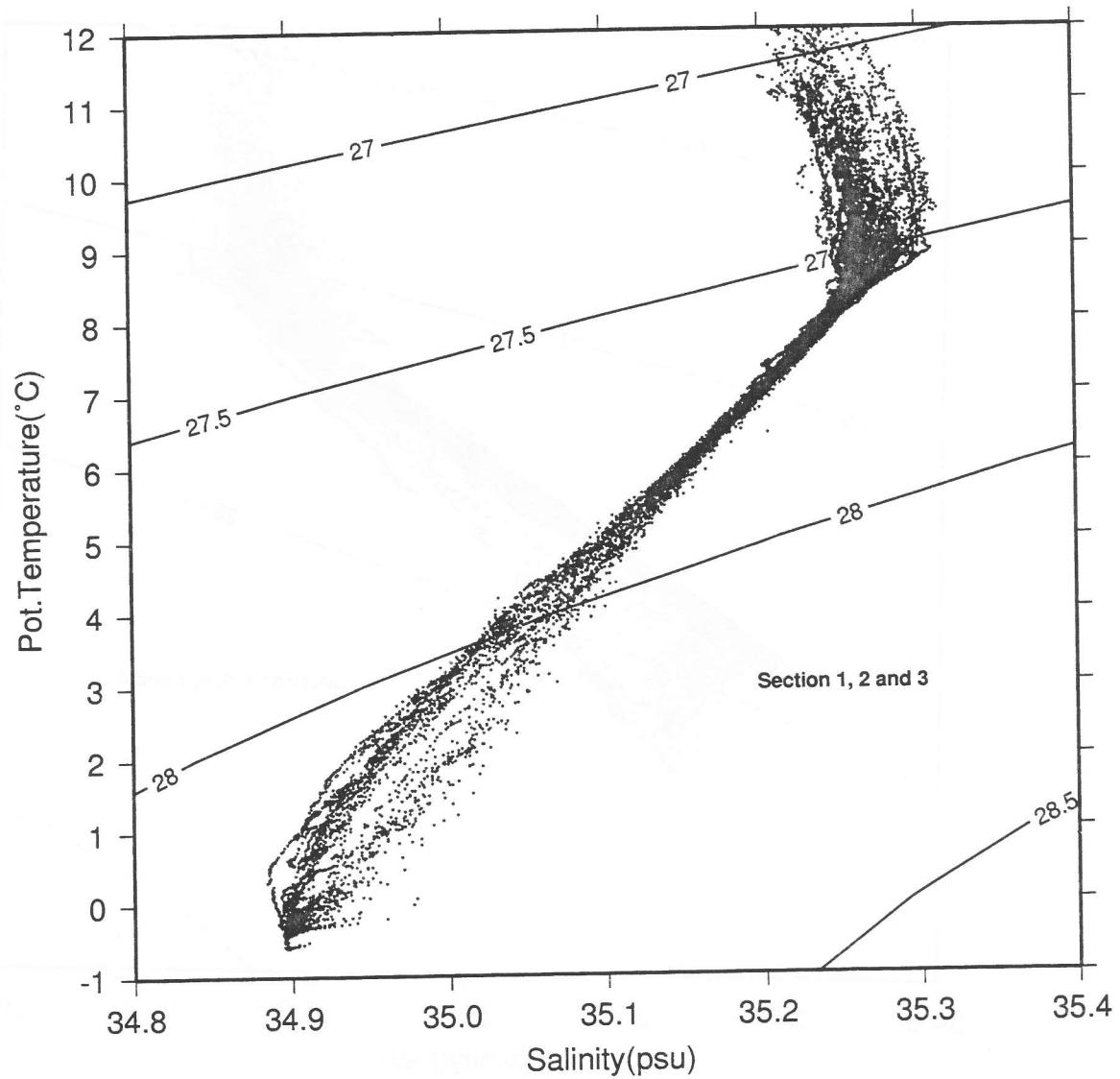


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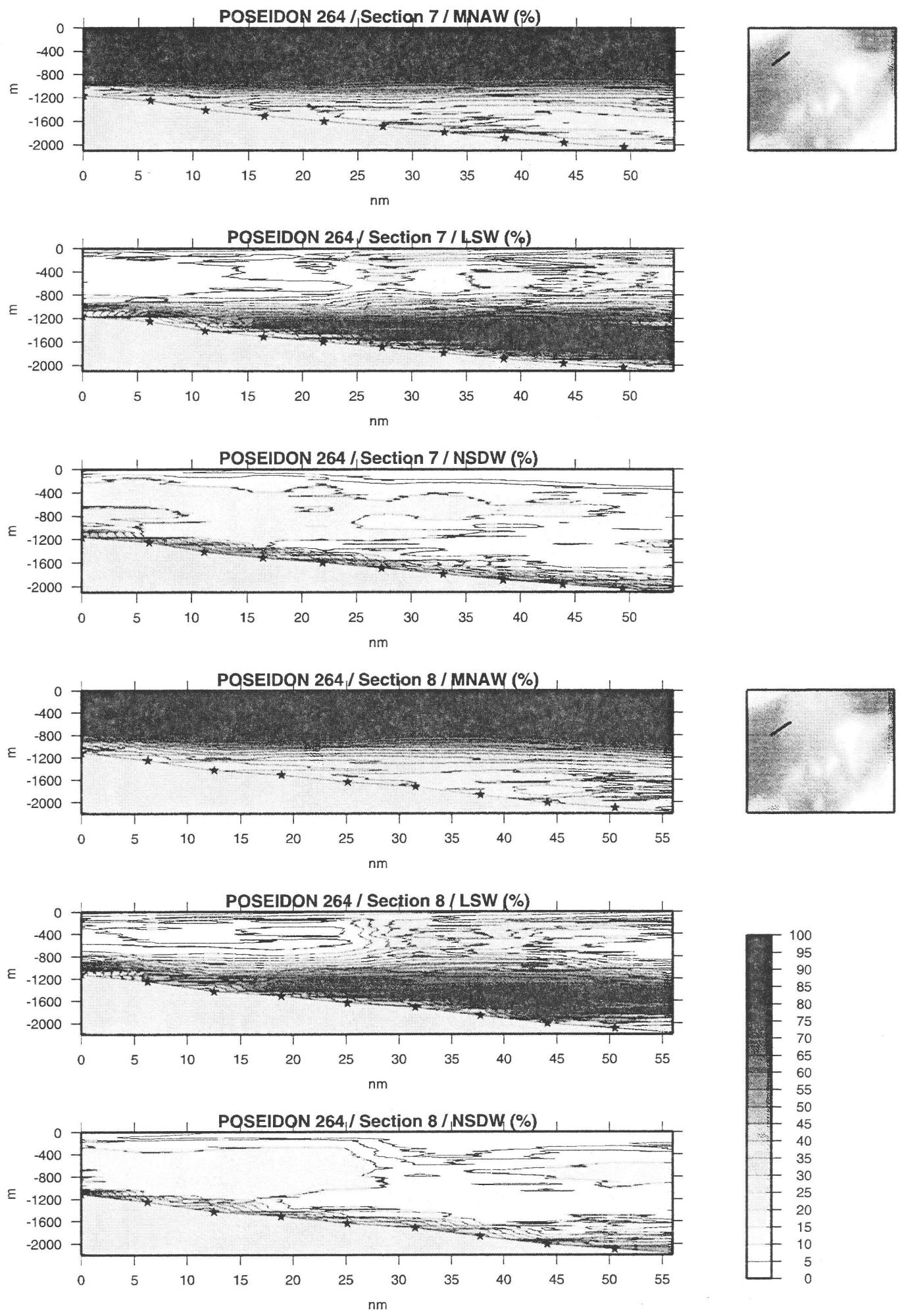


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